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EZHOV QUESTIONED ON THE DESTRUCTION AND HANDLING OF CIPHER MATERIAL
AND THE EQUIPPING OF THE CIPHER OFFICE (1946)

From: MOSCOW

To: SAN FRANCISCO

No: 57

14th February 1946

To EZHOV[1].

Telegraph an answer to the following questions.

1. In what way are you destroying the draft materials of cipher telegrams and secret correspondence

[44 groups unrecoverable]

has access to the safes in which cipher documents are kept?

3. Have you finished equipping the SSbO[11] and secret

[16 groups unrecoverable]

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Comments: [i] EZHOV: Nikolaj Efremovich EZHOV, who replaced I.I. PEDOSEEV in June 1945 as cipher officer in SAN FRANCISCO. EZHOV is possibly also referred to by the covername ZHAROV in SAN FRANCISCO messages Nos. 32 and 34 of 30th January 1946 (3/NBF/T1208 and 1209), 36 of 31st January 1946 (3/NBF/T855) and 40 of 1st February 1946 (3/NBF/T1513).

[ii] SShO: Secret Cipher Office [SEKRETNO-SHIFROVAL'NYJ OTDEL].

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